

FIREARMS — MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP

**15. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the Law Reform Commission's "Project 105—Review of the Firearms Act 1973 (WA)" and specifically the firearms reform ministerial working group tasked with implementing the commission's recommendations. I was advised in answers to previous questions that implementation of the first tranche of agreed recommendations was imminent.

- (1) Is the minister aware that —
  - (a) the first tranche of proposed amendments was agreed to by WA Police Force Police Licensing Services, the former minister's office and key stakeholders, including the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia Western Australia and the Western Australian Firearm Traders Association; and
  - (b) the proposed amendments will assist WA Police licensing with an improved structure for the licensing and management of firearms and a safer storage system, enhancing public safety?
- (2) Is it the minister's intention to progress the first tranche of recommendations agreed to by the firearms reform ministerial working group?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Is it the minister's intention for the firearms reform ministerial working group to continue to work through the Law Reform Commission's recommendations?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

- (1)–(4) The McGowan Labor government is committed to progressing firearms reform in Western Australia and will continue to consult with key stakeholders during the reform process. The initial reforms will focus on strengthening our firearms laws in relation to the activities of organised crime and outlaw motorcycle gangs.